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March 14, 2011

Eric Dexter Welch
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Re: *United States v. Welch*
Correspondence of March 7, 2011

Dear Mr. Welch:

I'm in receipt of yours of March 7, 2011. As you are my client, I am constrained to have you sign any pleadings that may be required to be executed. Specifically, there may be the need to execute an affidavit. As such, I will not send documents require execution your father and mother as that creates an unnecessary complication.

I reviewed the list of potential objections. At this point in time, the objections which were preserved will be addressed at the time that the appeal brief is submitted. I will not be raising additional issues pertaining to the final presentence report. Specifically, we have had plenty of opportunity to develop any factual basis in the preparation of the presentence report.

The habeas corpus issues will be yours to address once the appeals have been exhausted.

With respect to the state case, it is my opinion at this time that you are precluded from attacking the judgment contained therein for the reason that more than one year has expired from the last date that you could have filed an appeal on the Houghton County conviction. However, I would have to conduct additional research to determine whether or not there is indeed an exception to this rule. I highly doubt it.

I have received the transcripts. There is a scheduling memo which requires me to file a brief by April 11, 2011. This is not going to happen and I am going to request an extension (which is quite common) in order to have adequate time to review the transcript, research the issues and to prepare an appellate brief and/or appropriate motion(s). I would fully anticipate the Government

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to request an extension as well. What I am saying is that the briefing schedule is going to be expanded due to the time requirements imposed on myself as well as the Government.

I am waiting for a final redacted version of the transcript which contains the correct pagination sequence. This is crucial because I need to have the appropriate page cites to the trial record.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark L. Dobias', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Dictated on March 13, 2011 at 10:20 PM

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